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APAGE Regional Meeting in Thailand!

Date: **January 13-14, 2011**

Venue: **Phramongkutklo Hospital**



2011 APAGE Workshop on Hands- on Animal Lab Shanghai, China

Date: **March 17-20, 2011**

Venue: **CCI, Shanghai**

2011 APAGE Regional Meeting in **Chongqing,** China

Date: **April 15-17, 2011**

Venue: **Chongqing**

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Welcome Message from the President

Dr. Wu-Chou Lin

Dear Members and fellow colleagues,

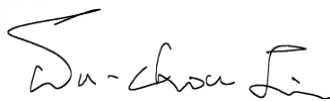
It is my great honor and pleasure to welcome all of you at the 11th Annual Congress of Asia-Pacific Association for Gynecologic Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Therapy (APAGE), which will be held 29th September through 2nd October 2010 in the beautiful city of Singapore.

It only seemed like yesterday that we had our 10th Annual Congress, which was held in my hometown, Taichung, Taiwan. And now we are having the 11th Annual Congress in 2010. I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate all our committed members and faculty of the APAGE for their support and contribution for the past year. Without their dedication and effort, it would not be possible to get this remarkable achievement.

I am sure that the scientific program of APAGE 2010 will open new perspectives and provide you with a full update on comprehensive topics under the theme of "Gynae Endoscopy: From Basic to Advance". Furthermore, you will also experience Singapore, an island country with a rainforest climate, and great mixture of culture history. The whole country is filled with stories, museums, and great gourmet for you to explore.

I deeply appreciate, the President of Congress, Professor Bernard Chern, and the Organizing Committee of APAGE 2010 for their devoted effort to make this congress successful.

I sincerely hope you obtain knowledge through this congress and also enjoy the congress programs promoting friendly relationship between members and colleagues. I look forward to seeing all of you in Singapore in September 2010.



Wu-Chou Lin, M.D.

President,

The Asia-Pacific Association for Gynecology Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Therapy



Welcome Message from the Chairman of Board of Trustee

Prof. Chyi-Long Lee

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to have you in the APAGE 2010 Annual Meeting held in Singapore. This time, it is the 11th Annual Meeting of APAGE, and we all look forward to another new step for APAGE and the field of gynecology and minimally invasive therapy after the effort of a decade.



Lecture scene of 2010 APAGE Workshop on Hands-on Animal Lab. Dr. Liselotte Meetler and Dr. Joo-Hyun Nam.

During the decade, along with Annual Meetings, APAGE also had annual Regional Meetings held in China and Taiwan, International Workshops on Animal Hands-on Lab in Shanghai each March, and APAGE-TSGE workshops in Thailand. The oncology hands-on workshop in Shanghai has been held yearly for the fifth year already, the reproductive workshop in Thailand is also proceeding steadily, and the pelvic floor reconstruction workshop in Taiwan is about to start. With the training centers of APAGE and the three workshops, we believe APAGE will be able to offer adequate training opportunities and lectures for the current trend.

On the other hand, the meetings of APAGE will offer a great occasion for physicians of the gynecologic and minimally invasive therapy field to communicate with and learn from each other. By communication, we aim at bringing the level of the field in Asia-Pacific area to a greater and better polished stage. This year, the 11th Annual Meeting is held by not only APAGE but also Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Singapore (OGSS), College of of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists of Singapore, and KK



2010 APAGE Workshop on Hands-on Animal Lab .

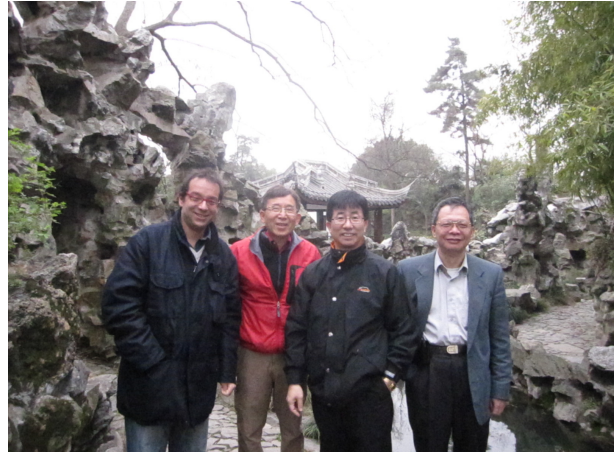
be a success and will bring inspirations to the participants. Hereby, as the Chair of Board of Trustees of APAGE, I would really much like to extend the appreciation toward the efforts and devotion from the organizing committee of this meeting. Activities are important to an association, especially its annual meeting.

Women's and Children's Hospital. We

With full faith, we believe the APAGE 2010 Annual Meeting in Singapore shall show trend of nowadays, innovations, new techniques, and new step for the field. We cordially appreciate your attending and looking forward to seeing you soon again in APAGE events.



2010 Gynecological Cancer and Laparoscopic Approach in Taiwan. Dr. Chyi-Long Lee, Dr. Denis Querleu, and Dr.



2010 APAGE Workshop on Hands-on Animal Lab. Dr. Solima Eugenio, Dr. C.Y. Liu, Dr. Chyi-Long Lee, and Dr. Kuan-Gen Huang.







2010 ISGE/AGES in Australia
Dr. Mitsuru Shiota, Dr. Alan Lam, and Dr. Chyi-Long Lee.



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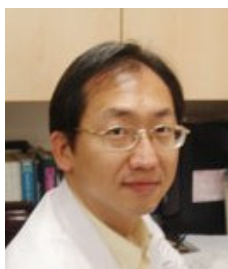
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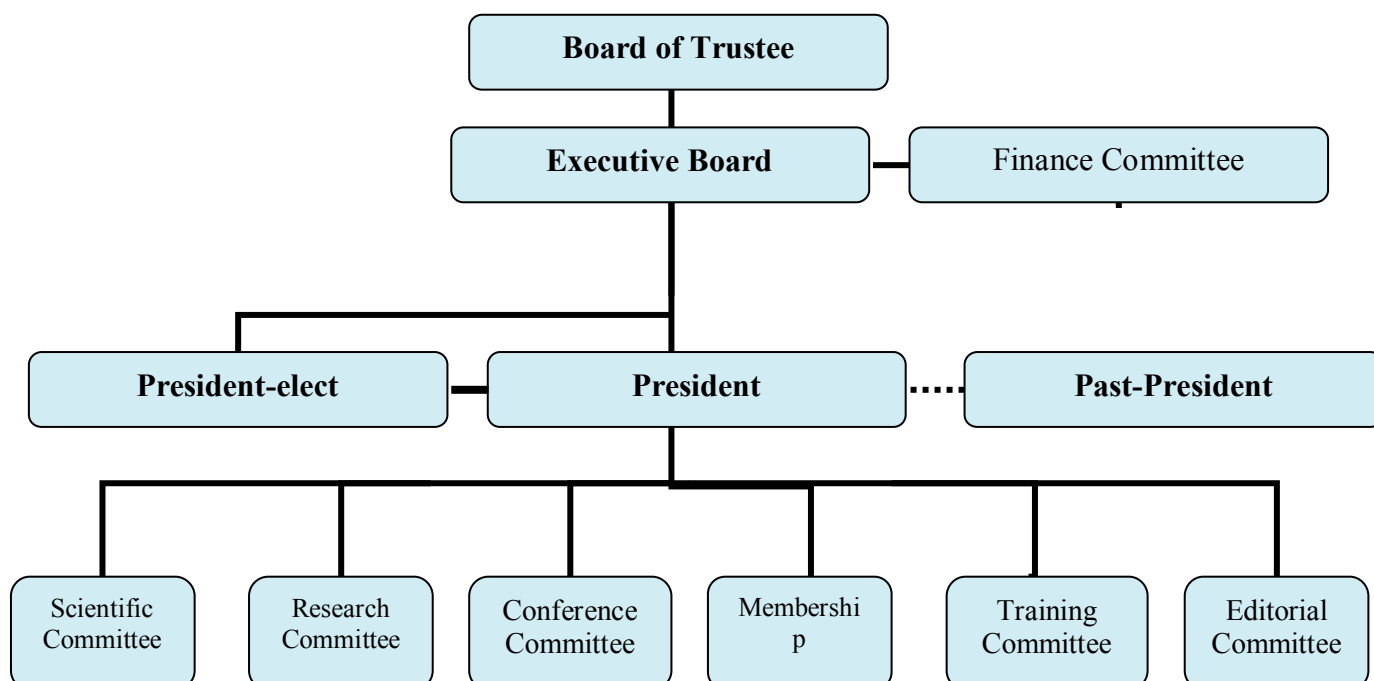
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Organization Chart



Welcome Message from 2010 APAGE Annual Meeting in Singapore

Dear fellow colleagues and friends of APAGE,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we are pleased to announce that the 11th Annual Congress of APAGE will be held between 29 and 30 September 2010 in Singapore. The congress venue is at the beautiful resort hotel, Capella Singapore, in Sentosa Island. In addition, there will be a pre-Congress Robotic Surgery Workshop on 28 September and a post-Congress Advanced Laparoscopy Workshop with live-surgery on 1 and 2 October 2010.

This congress is jointly organized by the O&G Society of Singapore in-conjunction with the College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists and KK Women's & Children's Hospital. The theme of the congress is ***"Gynae Endoscopy: From Basic to Advance"***.

With a carefully planned scientific programme, we aim to spread the art of Minimally Invasive Surgery as well as to advance the level of expertise in endoscopic surgery. Some of the highlights of the programme include single incision laparoscopy, advances in vessel sealing technology, robotic surgery, and advanced oncologic, pelvic support and endometriosis surgery.

Singapore is conveniently located and easily accessible in Asia Pacific region. Recently opened tourist attractions include the Resort World Sentosa and Universal Studio in Sentosa Island, which is where the conference is held. Culturally diversified, modern and vibrant. Singapore has plenty to offer to all delegates to explore the city and attractions.

We look forward to welcome all of you and families to Singapore.

Yours sincerely,



A/Prof. Bernard Chern
Chairman

&



Dr. Suan Tiong Beh
Co-chairman

11th Annual Congress of APAGE
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Record of 10th Annual Meeting of APAGE in Taiwan, Oct. 14-19, 2009

2009 APAGE Annual Congress

Oct.14-19,2009 Taichung, Taiwan

Most hot stuff, Ultimate Advanced
Minimally Invasive Therapy



Venue of the congress.



APAGE Board Meeting group photo.



Dr. Chyi-Long Lee. Dr. Franklin Loffer.

Dr. Yoke Fai Fong, Dr. C.Y. Liu, Dr.



Dr. Wu-Chou Lin, Dr. Yasuyoshi Hayashi, Dr. C.Y. Liu, Dr. Chyi-Long Lee.



Performance at the Gala Dinner.



Dr. Fu-Tsia Kung and Dr. Suan-Tiong Beh.



Lecture scene.



Record of 10th Annual Meeting of APAGE in Taiwan, Oct. 14-19, 2009



Dr. Chyi-Long Lee, Dr. Franklin Loffer, Dr. Somchi Kovitcharoenkul and Dr. Pong Mo Yuen.



Dr. Joo-Hyun Nam and Dr. Chyi-Long Lee.

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Dr. Joo-Hyun Nam.

Dr. Felix Wong.

Dr. Yung-Kuei Soong.



Dr. Liselotte Mettler.

Dr. Keen-Whye Lee.



Operation transmission from CGMH to the Venue.



Reflection on APAGE 2010 International Workshop on Hand-on Animal Lab in Shanghai

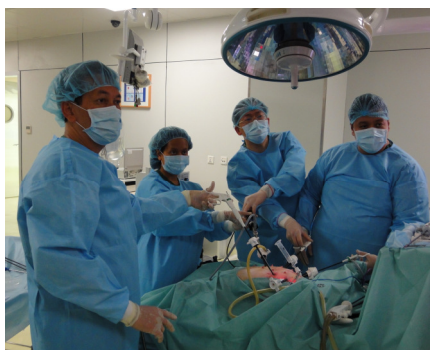
Dr. Aizura S. Adlan

This is the first time I participated in the APAGE International Workshop on Hand-on Animal Lab in Shanghai. Before this great journey, I have been starting my Training Program of APAGE in CGMH, Taiwan for about 5 months. Thus, with the learned skills and knowledge, I just can not wait for the hand-on workshop as my learning evaluation so far.

Traveling to China, the hotel venue is perfect because it is close to the C.C.I. center where the workshop is held. However, for first time visitors it may not be so convenient because it is quite a distance from shanghai city centre. Nevertheless, I still enjoyed the trip during my stay for the hotel and the venue are nearby and we have the shuttle bus taking the participants every morning.

For the theme this year, it is the Endometrial Cancer. The APAGE International Workshop courses are often centred on a certain subspeciality (oncology, endometriosis etc..) perhaps next time it will attract more “general” endoscopists by making some general courses. And in my own opinion, the registration fee price is attractive for Asians. Besides, the faculty list is quite spectacular which includes Dr. Joo-Hyun Nam from Korea, Dr. Liselotte Mettler from Germany, Dr. C.Y. Liu from USA, Dr. Eugenio Solima from Italy, Dr. Masaaki Andou and Dr. Yasuyoshi Hayashi from Japan, Dr. Enlan Xia from China, Dr. Bernard Chern from Singapore, Dr. Somchai Kovitcharoenkul, Dr. Wu-Chou Lin and Dr. Chyi-Long Lee from Taiwan.

This year, APAGE has one idea of incorporating assistant tutors, tutors is good, because it gives junior trainers some teaching experience. During the Hand-on Animal Lab, each table will have one tutor and sometimes an assistant tutor as well.



Operation scene.



Group photo for the workshop.



Dr. Wu-Chou Lin and Dr. C.Y. Liu.

International Fellowship Endoscopy Training Program at Chang Gung Memorial Hospital In Taiwan

Dr. Kuan-Gen Huang

Practicing international training and certification is one of the aims in APAGE. For quality control, Training Center must fit criteria set up by Training Committee of APAGE. APAGE international fellowship endoscopy training program at Chang Gung Memorial Hospital Linkou Branch in Taiwan has one specific training program, advanced training program; especially for experienced gynecologists to reach the purpose of sub-special profession training (now is open for gynecologic oncology field only). Within this wonderful training program, the most attractive arrangement is the hands-on session, but it is only available for long-term training (at least 12 months).

In order to assist international gynecologists to familiarize with the operation at CGMH (Chang Gung Memorial Hospital), in the early part of the training program is designed for General Gynecology, including department introduction; laparoscopic hysterectomy; laparoscopic myomectomy; ovarian tumor and endometriosis surgery. After, the following part is designed for sub-special field, especially for oncologists.

Advanced training program (Sub-special Profession Training)	
A-1	One month course (early part-visiting course)
A-2	Three months course (second-assistant hands-on course)
A-3	Six months course (first-assistant hands-on course) (hands-on training course)
A-4	One year course (surgery hands-on training course)
A-5	Two year course (complete endoscopy training course)

However, the most attractive and extremely informative part is the two-year training course. It is most suitable for doctors who are interested in academic research and choose endoscopy surgery as their main career in the future.

International fellowship training is free at Chang Gung Memorial Hospital. Besides, we also afford free accommodation (hospital dormitory). To visit Chang Gung Memorial hospital, we have to ask applicants to complete some administration processes.

To apply for International Fellowship Training, you must prepare the following formal documentations for submitting to our Government Health Department. The application process usually costs at least 3 months for examination. Therefore, we strongly suggest you undertake your application as early as it available. The formal documentations are as follow:

The formal documentation of application
person's curriculum vitae (CV)
A copy of Diploma (to prove you graduated from medical school)
A copy of medical practice license
A copy of passport
A recommendation letter
A copy of experience certification (is working experience certification, to prove your GYN working experience more than 1 year)
2” color photo (formal)

All trainees will get the certification of APAGE after finishing training course. If you are the one-year-training program fellow, you may receive two certifications. One is from Chang Gung Memorial Hospital and the other one is from APAGE.

If you are interested in the International Fellowship Endoscopy Training Program and would like to obtain further more information, welcome to visit APAGE website <http://www.apagemit.com/en/index.asp> or contact with APAGE Secretary, by E-Mail: mit.apage@gmail.com or taoge@adm.cgmh.org.tw.

We are looking forward to your visit and participation.



2009-2010 International Fellowship Endoscopy Training Program at Chang Gung Memorial Hospital In Taiwan



Group photo of APAGE international



Morning meeting presentation scene.



Group photo of APAGE international

Surgery technique teaching scene.



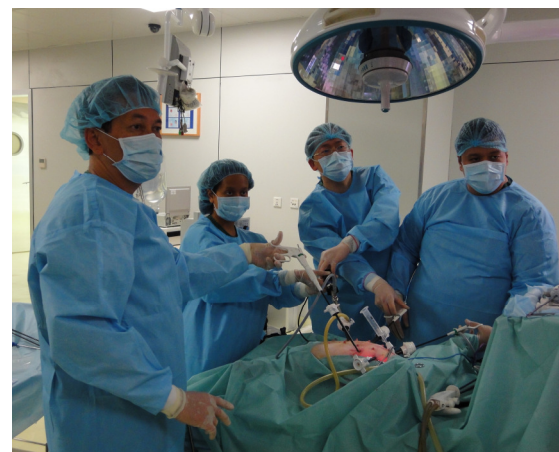
Group photo of APAGE international fellows.



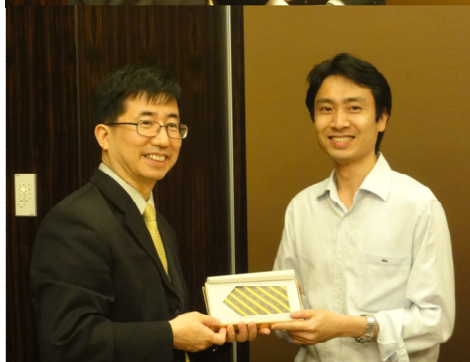
Morning breakfast meeting time.



Participation of Laparoscopic Workshop in Taiwan.



Participation of International Workshop on Hand-on Animal Lab of APAGE in Shanghai.



Special graduation gift from APAGE.



APAGE international fellow wedding participation.

Dear Doctors,

Greetings!

Thank you for your appreciation of APAGE Fellowship Training Course in Chang Gung Memorial Hospital. In order to complete the application, there are some required documents needed to be sent to the APAGE office.

1. CV
2. A copy of Diploma
3. A copy of medical practice license
4. A copy of passport
5. A recommendation letter
6. A copy of experience certification (is working experience certification, to prove your working experience in GYN more than 1 year)
7. 2" color photo (formal)

The process of application usually takes about 3 months. Also, during the training program you are required to attend the morning meetings, do some presentations, write papers, learn how to edit surgical video files, and etc. For the surgical technique training, there are a great amount of cases for you as the research paper data. Besides, as "graduate" from the training program, you will be awarded with both certificates from APAGE and Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Linkou for your great learning effort.

Again, we are very grateful for your interests of APAGE. Certainly, we are looking forward to your visit.

If there is any inquiry, please contact us without hesitation. Thank you.

Best regards,

Lucy Chen
APAGE Secretariat

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Introduction to APAGE 2011 International Workshop on Hands-on Animal Lab in Shanghai

Minimally Invasive Surgery has been getting on common in oncology nowadays, and numerous surgeons are desirous to be engaged in this operation. In order to set up a norm of oncology surgery for each country/region, APAGE has conducted a very successful international laparoscopic oncology symposium with hands-on animal workshop in 2006. Our main purpose is to let Asian endoscopists have more experience on the oncologic field through this hands-on workshop actually.



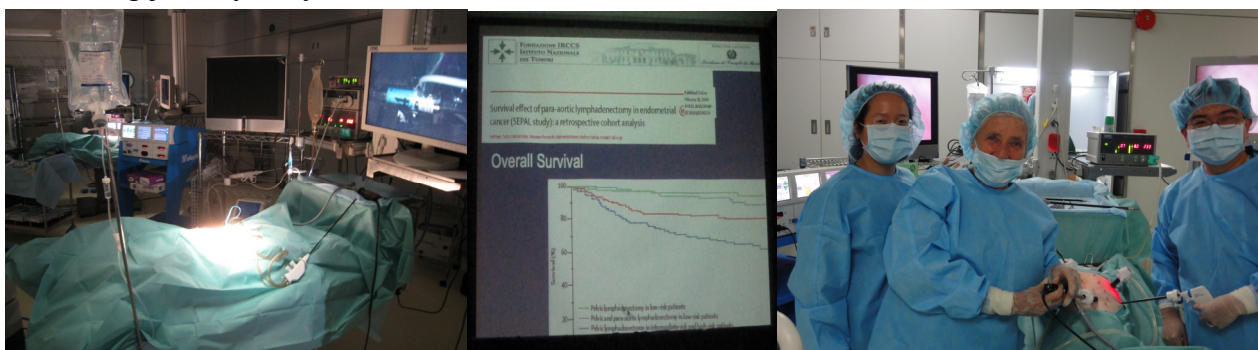
Operation scene of 2010 Workshop in Shanghai.

This workshop has led the endoscopists to the real world of endoscopic oncologic surgery and also to touch the core value of endoscopy.

Moreover, CCI (Covidien Clinical Institution) has held many symposia of endoscopic surgery, it is well equipped and has high standard for APAGE to cooperate with. All the participants got a lot of experiences from this activity. Therefore, APAGE decides to hold the hands-on workshop every year. We are certain you will enjoy the learn journey in this hands-on workshop.

The purpose for this activity not only enhances the level of Asian endoscopists on the oncology surgery, but also recruits more doctors who have the same consciousness in chorus to attain a mutual research plan on the development of Asian endoscopy field. Then, we hold a consulting meeting after the hands-on workshop.

We truly welcome the participation of all the endoscopists desire to have more improvements in oncologic surgery and endoscopic surgery. In this great learning course, there shall be a great rewarding journey for you.





2011 APAGE

International Laparoscopic Workshop
on Animal Hands-on Lab

C.C.I., Shanghai, China

March 17-20, 2011

Cervical Cancer



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N Registration fee will be USD\$1,200, and we give a discount of USD\$200 for the

E Early Bird before November 30, 2010.

A **No On-Site Registration**

The registration fee will be only accepted by WIRED TRANSFER.

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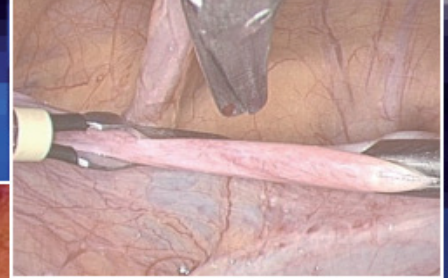
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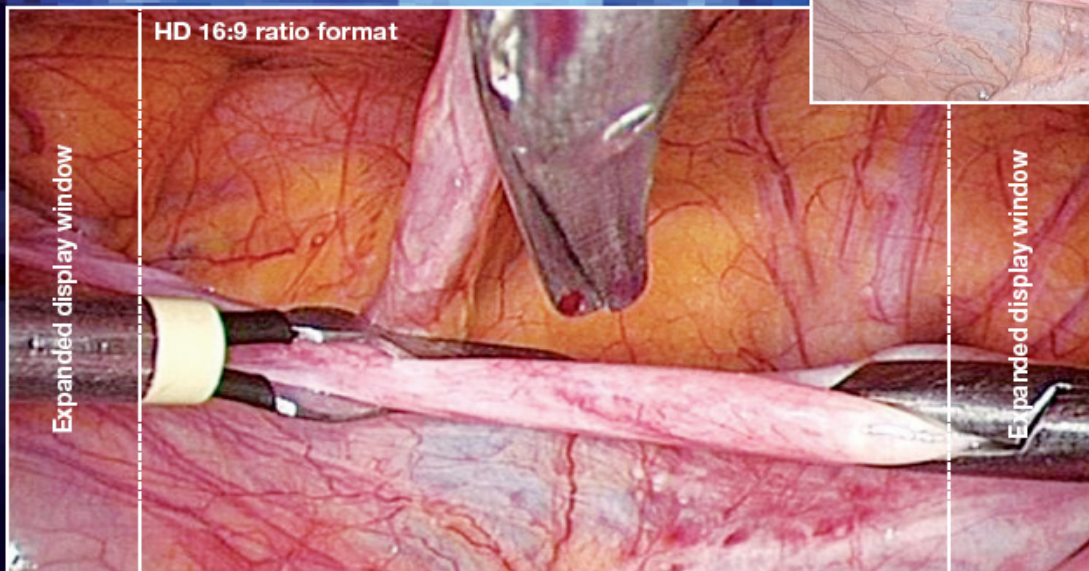
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